

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the Abstract on page 14 with the following replacement  
Abstract Of The Disclosure:

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Device for permanently extending elongate body parts

A stretching device for permanently extending elongate body parts, comprising stretch rods-(2) coupled to a support ring-(1) with fixing means-(3) which are retained on the distal end thereof. The fixing means consists of a fully or partially elastic, substantially cylindrical component-(14, 18) which surrounds the body part and is provided with retaining clips-(15) on the outer edge which engage with the stretch rods and which are embodied in the form of slotted hollow cylinders provided with a stop plate-(16). The fixing part is used to fix the body part in a secure and careful manner and can be easily joined to or removed from the stretch rod without overstretching.-(Fig. 1)